

**Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Claims 1-26 (cancelled).

Claim 27 (previously presented): An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the isolated nucleic acid molecule does not further comprise residues 88-120 or residues 604-633 of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claims 28-48 (cancelled).

Claim 49 (previously presented): An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, and wherein said polypeptide does not comprise residues 30-40 or 202-211 of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claims 50-63 (cancelled).

Claim 64 (previously presented): The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 49, wherein said polypeptide further comprises an amino-terminal methionine.

Claims 65-67 (cancelled).

Claim 68 (previously presented): An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and an amino-terminal methionine.

Claims 69-70 (cancelled).

Claim 71 (previously presented): The nucleic acid molecule of Claim 49, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide having at least one additional amino acid at the

amino-terminus, at the carboxyl-terminus, or at both the amino-terminus and the carboxyl-terminus.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The nucleic acid of Claim 71, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide having at least one additional amino acid at the amino-terminus.

Claim 73 (previously presented): The nucleic acid of Claim 72, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide having a methionine at the amino-terminus.

Claim 74 (previously presented): The nucleic acid of Claim 71, wherein said nucleic acid molecule encodes a polypeptide having at least one additional amino acid at the carboxyl-terminus.

Claims 75-76 (cancelled).

Claim 77 (previously presented): A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 27.

Claim 78 (cancelled).

Claim 79 (previously presented): A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 49.

Claim 80 (cancelled).

Claim 81 (previously presented): A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 64.

Claim 82 (previously presented): A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of Claim 68.

Claims 83-167 (Cancelled).

Claim 168 (previously presented): A process of producing a recombinant polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF comprising culturing a host cell comprising a nucleic acid molecule that

encodes a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and an amino-terminal methionine under suitable conditions to express the polypeptide.

Claims 169-178 (cancelled).